

An overview of Congressional Representation

Territory and State of Washington from 1853 to the present

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1853-1889:

From the time that Washington Territory was formed in 1853, through statehood in 1889, Washington Territory elected an at-large non-voting Delegate to the United States House of Representatives.

Congress	Delegate
33rd (1853–1855)	Columbia Lancaster
34th (1855–1857)	James Patton Anderson
35th (1857–1859)	Isaac Ingalls Stevens
36th (1859–1861)	
37th (1861–1863)	William H. Wallace
38th (1863–1865)	George Edward Cole
39th (1865–1867)	Arthur Armstrong Denny
40th (1867–1869)	Alvan Flanders
41st (1869–1871)	Selucius Garfielde
42nd (1871–1873)	

43rd (1873–1875)	Obadiah Benton McFadden
44th (1875–1877)	Orange Jacobs
45th (1877–1879)	
46th (1879–1881)	Thomas Hurley Brents
47th (1881–1883)	
48th (1883–1885)	
49th (1885–1887)	Charles Stewart Voorhees
50th (1887–1889)	
51st (1889–1891)	John B. Allen

Democrat	Republican
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1889 – 1909:

From statehood in 1889 until 1909, Washington elected all of its U.S. representatives statewide. In 1909, Washington was divided into three congressional districts.

Following the 1950 Census, Washington was granted a seventh seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, but the state legislature was unable to agree on a plan to create a geographic district for the district until 1957, so the seat was filled by a representative elected statewide.

1st District –created by US Congress on admission of Washington as a State in 1889.

The First Congressional District of Washington was formed in 1889 upon statehood by direction of Congress as an at-large district. In 1909 the at-large districts were abolished and the 1st centered on Seattle. Population of Washington at statehood: 357,232

1st Seat:

Representative	Party	Term	District home	Notes
John L. Wilson	Republican	1889 – 1895	Spokane	Lost to Wilson
William Carey Jones	Populist	1897 – 1899	Spokane	Lost to W. Jones
Wesley L. Jones	Republican	1899 – 1909	N. Yakima	Retired

1st District:

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
William Ewart Humphrey	Republican	1909 – 1917	Retired
John Franklin Miller	Republican	1917 – 1931	Defeated by R. Horr in GOP Primary
Ralph Ashley Horr	Republican	1931 – 1933	Lost to Marion Zioncheck
Marion Zioncheck	Democratic	1933 – 1936	Committed Suicide
Warren G. Magnuson	Democratic	1937 – 1944	Successful election to US Senate
Emerson Hugh DeLacy	Democratic	1945 – 1947	Defeated by Homer Jones
Homer Raymond Jones	Republican	1947 – 1949	Defeated by Hugh Mitchell
Hugh Burnton Mitchell	Democratic	1949 – 1953	Appointed to the US Senate
Thomas Minor Pelly	Republican	1953 – 1973	Retired
Joel McFee Pritchard	Republican	1973 – 1985	Retired
John Ripin Miller	Republican	1985 – 1993	Retired
Maria E. Cantwell	Democratic	1993 – 1995	Lost re-election to Rick White
Rick White	Republican	1995 – 1999	Lost re-election to Jay Inslee
Jay Inslee	Democratic	1999 – present	Incumbent

2nd District – Awarded to Washington based on the 1890 census. In 1909 the at-large districts were abolished and the 2nd centered on the Tacoma-Vancouver geographical area until 1914 when it moved north to cover Bellingham to Everett. Population of Washington at statehood: 357,232

2nd Seat:

Representative	Party	Term	District home	Notes
William H. Doolittle	Republican	1891 – 1893	Tacoma	Lost as a Populist
Samuel C. Hyde	Republican	1893 – 1897	Spokane	Lost to Lewis

J. Hamilton Lewis	Democratic	1897 – 1899	Seattle	Lost to Cushman
Francis W. Cushman	Republican	1899 – 1909	Tacoma	Died in Office

2nd District:

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
William Wallace McCredie	Republican	1909 – 1911	Lost in the GOP Primary
Stanton Warburton	Republican	1911 – 1913	Lost in the GOP Primary
Albert Johnson	Republican	1913 – 1915	Redistricted to 3rd
Lindley Hoag Hadley	Republican	1915 – 1933	Lost to M. Wallgren
Monrad C. Wallgren	Democratic	1933 – 1940	Elected Governor
Henry M. "Scoop" Jackson	Democratic	1941 – 1953	Elected US Senator
Alfred John Westland	Republican	1953 – 1965	Defeated by L. Meeds
Lloyd Meeds	Democratic	1965 – 1979	Retired
Allan Byron Swift	Democratic	1979 – 1995	Retired
Jack Metcalf	Republican	1995 – 2001	Retired
Rick Larsen	Democratic	2001 – present	Incumbent

3rd District – Awarded to Washington. First Representative elected in 1902 at large district. In 1909 the at-large districts were abolished and the 3rd originally centered on the Spokane – Pullman geographical area until 1914 when it was moved to SW Washington. Population of Washington (1900): 518,103

3rd Seat:

Representative	Party	Term	District home	Notes
William Humphrey	Republican	1903 – 1909	Seattle	Took 1 st District Seat in 1909

3rd District:

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
Miles Poindexter	Republican	1909 – 1911	Elected to the US Senate
William L. La Follette	Republican	1911 – 1915	Lost in the GOP Primary
Albert Johnson	Republican	1915 – 1933	Lost in to M. Smith
Martin Fernard Smith	Democratic	1933 – 1943	Resigned to run for Senate
Fred B. Norman	Republican	1943 – 1945	Lost to C. Savage
Charles Raymon Savage	Democratic	1945 – 1947	Lost to F. Norman
Fred B. Norman	Republican	1947 – 1947	Died in Office
Russell Vernon Mack	Republican	1947 – 1960	Died on the House Floor

Julia Caroline Butler Hansen	Democratic	1960 – 1974	Retired
Don Leroy Bonker	Democratic	1975 – 1989	Retired to run for Senate
Jolene Unsoeld	Democratic	1989 – 1995	Lost to L. Smith
Linda Smith	Republican	1995 – 1999	Retired to run for Senate
Brian Baird	Democratic	1999 – present	Incumbent

4th District – Awarded to Washington after the 1910 census. Covered the Walla Walla – Yakima geographical area. Population of Washington (1910) 1,141,990

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
William L. La Follette	Republican	1915 – 1919	Lost GOP Primary
John William Summers	Republican	1919 – 1933	Lost to K. Hill
Knute Hill	Democratic	1933 – 1943	Lost to O. Holmes
Otis Halbert "Hal" Holmes	Republican	1943 – 1959	Retired
Catherine Dean Barnes May	Republican	1959 – 1971	Lost to M. McCormack
Mike McCormack	Democratic	1971 – 1981	Lost to S. Morrison
Sidney Wallace "Sid" Morrison	Republican	1981 – 1993	Retired ran for Gov
Jay Robert Inslee	Democratic	1993 – 1995	Lost to R. Hastings
Richard Norman "Doc" Hastings	Republican	1995 – present	Incumbent

5th District – Awarded to Washington after the 1910 census. Covered the northeastern area of WA. Population of Washington (1910) 1,141,990

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
Clarence C. Dill	Democratic	1915 – 1919	Lost to J. Webster
John Stanley Webster	Republican	1919 – 1923	Resigned to be Judge
Samuel Billingsley Hill	Democratic	1923 – 1937	Resigned to be Judge
Charles Henry Leavy	Democratic	1937 – 1943	Resigned to be Judge
Walter Franklin Horan	Republican	1943 – 1965	Defeated by T. Foley
Thomas Stephen Foley	Democratic	1965 – 1995	Defeated by G. Nethercutt
George R. Nethercutt Jr.	Republican	1995 – 2005	Retired Ran for Senate
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	Republican	2005 – present	Incumbent

6th District – Awarded to Washington after the 1930 Census – covering Pierce-Kitsap County area. Population of Washington (1930): 1,563,396

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
Wesley Lloyd	Democratic	1933 – 1936	Died in office
John Main Coffee	Democratic	1937 – 1947	Lost to T. Tollefson
Thor Carl Tollefson	Republican	1947 – 1965	Lost to F. Hicks
Floyd Verne Hicks	Democratic	1965 – 1977	Retired
Norman "Norm" Dicks	Democratic	1977 – present	Incumbent

7th District – Awarded to Washington after 1950 Census – at large district because of lack of consensus on district boundaries. Moved to Seattle area after 1957 Initiative. Population of Washington (1950): 2,378,963

Representative	Party	Term	Notes
Donald H. Magnuson	Democratic	1959 – 1963	Lost to K. Stinson
K. William Stinson	Republican	1963 – 1965	Lost to B. Adams
Brock Adams	Democratic	1965 – 1977	Resigned – Sec of Transportation
John E. Cunningham	Republican	1977 – 1979	Lost to M. Lowry
Mike Lowry	Democratic	1979 – 1989	Retired to run for Senate
Jim McDermott	Democratic	1989 – present	Incumbent

8th District – Awarded to Washington after 1980 Census – covering close to current boundaries. Population of Washington (1980): 4,123,353.

Representative	Party	Years	Notes
Rod Chandler	Republican	1983–1993	Retired Ran for Senate
Jennifer Dunn	Republican	1993–2005	Retired
Dave Reichert	Republican	2005 – present	Incumbent

9th District – Awarded to Washington after 1990 Census in current boundaries. Population of Washington (1990): 4,866,669

Representative	Party	Congress	Notes
Mike Kreidler	Democratic	1993–1995	Lost to R. Tate
Randy Tate	Republican	1995–1997	Lost to A. Smith
Adam Smith	Democratic	1997–present	Incumbent

Population data for 1890 – 1990 from the US Census Bureau. 2009 estimated population of Washington per OFM: 6,668,200